

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 199

By Matlock

A RESOLUTION to recognize Thomas McCurry on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Thomas McCurry, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Thomas is a junior at Lenoir City High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 354 includes thirty-three merit badges and distinguished service as patrol leader, bugler on tenor sax, and den chief; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Thomas improved the five-mile Halls Bend Hiking Trail on Tellico Parkway, a task which involved working with the Tennessee Valley Authority to add steps leading down a steep incline and a bridge over the muddy creek at the bottom, making it safer and easier for hikers to complete the trail; and

WHEREAS, Thomas's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Thomas McCurry as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thomas McCurry on becoming an Eagle Scout, and we extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.